

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the 8th day of November, 1871.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. WATERHOUSE to move, That the Sharebrokers Bill be committed presently.
2. The Honourable Mr. PATERSON to move, That the second reading of the Otago Waste Lands Bill be made an Order of the Day for this day.
3. The Honourable Mr. McLEAN to move, That, in the opinion of this Council, as a rule, and with a view to better meet the convenience of Members of the Legislature, it is desirable Parliament should be called together in the Month of May, and should not continue in Session after the Month of September in any one year.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. South Sea Islands Labour Committee—consideration of Report.
2. Native Districts Road Boards Bill—third reading.
3. Civil Service Act Amendment Bill—third reading.
4. Otago Reserves Bill—second reading.
5. Onehunga School Endowment Bill—second reading.
6. Building and Land Societies Act Amendment Bill—second reading.
7. Forest Trees Planting Encouragement Bill—second reading.
8. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill—second reading.
9. Taranaki Education Reserves Bill—consideration of reasons assigned by the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendments of the Legislative Council.

Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the Amendments of the Legislative Council in the Taranaki Education Reserves Bill.

(1.) The Town Belts in Schedule I., consist of land surrounding Military Settler villages, which were set apart more for the purpose of fulfilling the conditions entered into with Military Settlers, than for the purpose of public convenience. The Towns only exist upon paper, and the Belts are not required for the use of the inhabitants, as there are only a few isolated settlers living on them.

(2.) The public generally would be more benefited by the land being devoted to Educational Purposes, than by being in its present position of no public use.

(3.) That the striking out of Suburban Section No. 42, Patea District, Schedule I., appears to have been done in error.

(4.) That, with reference to the conditions under which it is proposed the Board of Education shall hold the land for Educational Purposes, it is proved by experience that the power to sell or exchange, tends to enhance the value of the Educational Trust.

(5.) That in this case it is necessary to give the power to sell or exchange, in order to consolidate the various properties, and thus make them more valuable as leasehold property.

(6.) That the Act provides that the proceeds of sale are to be applied to the purchase of other lands, or to be invested in General Government Securities, and the rent or interest derived therefrom is to be devoted to Educational purposes.

10. Highway Boards Empowering Bill—consideration of reasons assigned by the House of Representatives for disagreeing to amendments of the Legislative Council.

Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the Amendments of the Legislative Council in the Highway Boards Empowering Bill.

Subsection 5.—The Managers are of opinion that this subsection should be maintained, inasmuch as it is only fenced and cultivated Native land would be rateable; and even in that case a certificate would first be necessary from a person appointed for the purpose by the Governor that, in his opinion, the occupants of such lands ought to bear the proportion of highway rates.

Line 13, page 4.—The introduction of the words inserted by the Legislative Council might be thought to exempt pastoral tenants under absolute leases from rating altogether. If that is the intention, the Managers think such exemption unjustifiable. If it is intended that such tenants should be liable to full rates, it appears advisable that some words should be added, to remove all doubt on this point.

Section 6.—The addition of the Proviso goes beyond the scope of the Bill, which is not intended to restrict the legitimate powers of Provincial Legislatures to give rating powers, or the legitimate desires of ratepayers to prescribe the amount of rate to be raised. The object of the Bill is to supplement legal defects in the Provincial legislation on the subject of Highway Boards.

Part 6, (excision of).—The loans authorized to be raised are very limited in extent, and partake more of the nature of temporary overdrafts. Such pecuniary aid is often of material assistance in the construction of important road works. These remarks also apply to the two Schedules which relate to this part of the Bill.

Part 8, section 38.—Because the Amendments do not seem so clearly to convey the nature of the works to be constructed as the original words.